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Applicants: YOSHIWARA et al  
Serial No.: 09/917,705  
Filed: July 31, 2001  
For: METHOD OF DETECTING DEFECTIVE PIXELS OF A SOLID-  
STATE IMAGE-PICKUP DEVICE AND IMAGE-PICKUP  
APPARATUS USING THE SAME  
Art Unit: 2612  
Examiner: Unassigned

INFORMATION DISCLOSURE STATEMENT

December 5, 2001

Assistant Commissioner for Patents  
Washington, D.C. 20231

Sir:

In the matter of the above-identified application, applicants are submitting herewith a copy of a communication from a foreign patent office in a counterpart foreign application and copies of the documents listed in the attached form equivalent to Form PTO-1449 for the Examiner's consideration.

This Information Disclosure Statement is being submitted prior to a first Office Action on the merits in the above-identified application. Accordingly, requirements of 37 CFR 1.97(b) are satisfied.

Each of the documents is in the English language.

On information and belief, I hereby certify that each item of information contained in the information disclosure statement was cited in a communication from a foreign patent office in a counterpart application and that this communication was not received by an individual designated in §1.56(c) more than thirty (30) days prior to the filing of the information disclosure statement.

In view of the foregoing, it is respectfully submitted that all applicable requirements of 37 CFR 1.97 and 1.98 have been satisfied, in connection with all documents of the enclosed list. Accordingly, consideration of the listed documents, upon examination of the above-identified application, is respectfully requested.

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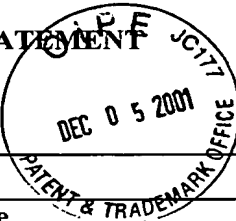
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